

...Great Cattle Exhibit Attracts Attention of Visitors...

LIVE STOCK BEST EVER SHOWN HERE

Horses and Cattle Attract and Hold Eye of Thousands at State Fair.

SLEEK AND WELL GROOMED

Prize-Winners from North and West Take Honors With Those Bred in Virginia.

Without the aid of "barkers," brass bands or noisy megaphones, sleek and well-groomed aristocrats of the farms drew a continuous and admiring crowd at the State Fair yesterday. All day a stream of people passed through the live stock exhibit, and found in every stall an animal worthy of more than a cursory glance. There is not a doubt but that this exhibit is the greatest ever shown at a Virginia fair, and compares favorably with any of the large Eastern shows.

While the large majority of animals shown are born and bred in the State, quite a number of competitors come from the large stock farms in the North and West, which shows that a prize from this fair stands among the highest. The exhibitors know this, and they are also aware of the fact that though they bring winners from other parts of the country famed for good stock, this is by no means a guarantee that the honors will be easy when their stock is pitted against that reared in "Old Virginia."

Look Good to the Eye.

Aside from the excellence of the exhibits, especially in the cattle department, the entries are heavy. A few more would severely tax the capacity of the quarters provided by the management. As it is, the number is sufficient to make things snug without crowding. Sanitary conditions also play a most important part in showing such animals to advantage. Excellent in spite of long rides by rail, and in wagons from nearer points, after the rubbing down and other cares that are taken with thoroughbreds, none look travel-stained or unwell in their limited surroundings. Well-kept horses, colts, and ponies unheeded their grain and hay in serene contentment, looking with kind, bland eyes upon the people peering through the windows, while cows, groomed like race-horses, with horns polished as though they had adorned hat-racks, all looked fit to take first prize when viewed by any but the sophisticated. Hogs, rolling in fat and luxury, slept and grunted in contentment, and squealed in good-natured protest when aroused from their beds to make a show of themselves in the exhibition ring.

Woolly, wooly sheep—some covered with blankets from tail to nose—looked through the bars with frightened, curious eyes, bleating insistently in the evening when the feeding hours were over. The poultry houses were full with the plump, fat birds, and the queens of the barnyard and noisy with cackle and crow.

Taking it all in all, the live stock exhibit is the most complete feature of the fair, and none of the thousands who passed through the stalls and cauders of the smooth-coated contestants had aught to say except in praise of each department.

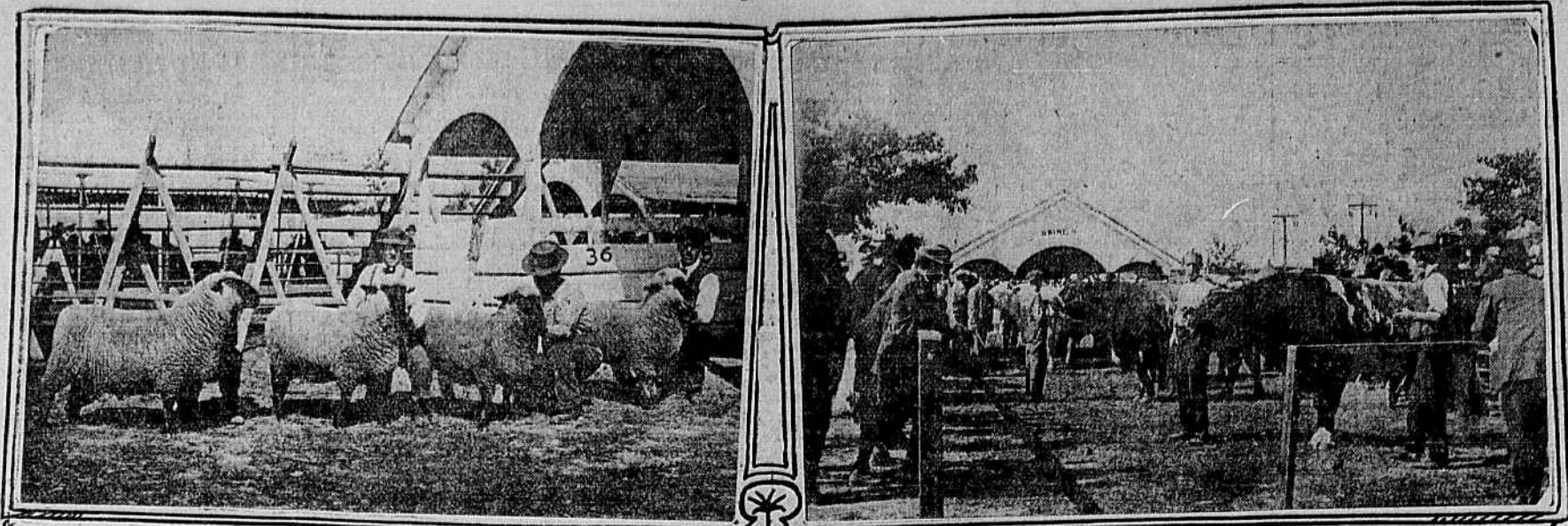
In point of numbers, the display of horses is, of course, not so large as that of cattle, for instance, but the classes are well represented. The standards of any in the country. The stables contain every variety of horse, from the thoroughbred runner to the heavy draft Percheron and Clydesdale. Not only the stallions, but in most cases, dams, and colts of each breed are shown throughout the country, and have their windows literally strung with ribbons and prizes won at other fairs.

French Coach Horses.

Very interesting among the horses in the exhibition of McLaughlin Brothers is the exhibit of French coach horses, all of which are winners elsewhere. This string includes stallions, brood mares with colts, and good French drivers, such as the Saddle Horse, English, and the French Coach Horse. A shaggy little Shetland colt about one and one-half feet high in Mr. Beattie's bunch was the recipient of much attention, especially from children.

Of cattle, there are numbers and varieties galore, from huge bulls weighing nearly a ton to the wily little animals from the hills. In the dairy class the Jerseys predominate in numbers. One sees especially in their section of the stables the effect of treating cows with the same care as up-to-date stable. Each cow is covered with a blanket suitable to the weather, and squads of men were busily engaged in grooming them with brushes and combs. Of course, more attention is lavished upon them during their stay at the fair, but the explanation was given in which they receive this attention shows conclusively that they fare about as well at home. The owners declare that they are fully repaid for the trouble.

Products of the Southwest. As one enters the cattle department about the first thing to catch the eye is a pen of Shorthorns, bred and raised on the Southern Virginia farm of Mr. Henry C. Stuart, president of the Fair Association. This is one of the best examples of what the live grass country is doing for the beef market. From outside appearances as much out of place as the proverbial "poor boy" at the fair, the Shorthorn, exhibited by Mr. F. I. Grace, of Lenoir, N. H. They are a morose, unpleasant-looking lot, with long, scraggy, curly hair, and vast expanse of horn. They look as if they were fresh from their native heath, where they would transfer their images to canvas with a background upon.



Prize Sheep.

HORSE AND PONY PRIZE AWARDS

Beattie and Nolting Head List in Ponies—What Judges Gave.

Section 1, class 1 (a)—Best stallion, suitable for getting heavy harness or carriage horses, fifteen hands two inches and over—First, Sultan, Henry C. Fairfax, Albemarle, Va.; second, Duc, McLaughlin Brothers, Columbus, Ohio. Section 3, class 11—Clydesdale, English or Belgian sire, four years old and over—First, Wander, J. B. Swann, Marshall, Va. Class 15—Stallion under one year old—First, Glenora Prince, J. B. Swann, Marshall, Va. Section 6, class 23—Grade draft, two years old and under three—First, Madge, H. C. Beattie, Richmond. Section 7, class 29—Draft teams, any age, of either sex, weighing not less than 3,200 pounds—First, Dan and John, Stephens-Furney Shoe Company, Virginia. Thoroughbreds. Section 8, class 30—Thoroughbred stallion, four years old or over—First, Longlane, G. Percy Hawes, Richmond; second, Cherrywood, H. C. Beattie, Richmond. Class 32—Stallion, two years old and under three—First, Scotland, D. A. Langhorne, Scottsville, Va.; second, Heatside, B. R. Selden, Richmond. Class 33—Stallion, four years old and over—First, Ossinche, G. R. Finnegan, Willow-on-the-James; second, Galtier, Irving, W. C. Parkinson, Gloucester, Va. Class 37—Stallion, two years old and under three—First, Caparra, D. A. Laughlin, Scottsville, Va.; second, Underdell, W. C. Saunders, Richmond. Class 38—Stallion, one year old and under two—First, Oak Dhu, Carl H. Nolting, Trevilians, Va.; second, Prince Albert, C. S. Luck, Richmond. Class 101—Stallion, four years old or under—First, Jean, H. C. Beattie, Richmond; second, Rose, C. H. Nolting, Trevilians, Va. Class 102—Stallion, two years old and under three—First, Ginger, second, Spice—both C. H. Nolting, Trevilians, Va. Class 104—Stallion, one year old and under two—First, Sprite, H. C. Beattie, Richmond. Class 105—Stallion, one year old and under two—First, Mermaid, H. C. Beattie, Richmond. Class 106—Stallion, one year old and under two—First, Jean, H. C. Beattie, Richmond; second, Dolly, C. H. Nolting, Trevilians, Va. In classes 107, 108, 109 and 110 for tandem, four-in-hand, match team and saddle ponies, respectively, Mr. Nolting took first and Mr. Beattie second prizes.

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Owns Half Interest in Mare. Homer J. Jamison, who drove the bay mare, Minnie Thompson, in the 214 pacing race yesterday, owns a half interest in the mare. He is a son of T. Fleming Jamison, of Roanoke, a railroad contractor, who devotes much attention to the breeding of running horses, and always has four or five good ones in his stable.

Of rough Scottish scenery, well suited to their looks, Mr. Grace also has a herd of French-Canadian cattle—small wily little beasts—but an improvement as far as looks go, on their neighbors, who are looked upon much in the light of freaks by other breeders. The swine exhibit, according to those well up in hogology, is a thing of beauty. It covers more space than any of the other exhibits and contains some of the most fabulous size that the fair has ever seen. The time of the time of something like 1,000 pounds of fat is too much to admit of violent exercise.

In this class a great variety is shown, the entries ranging from the small kind that fatten themselves on the fair grounds, to the more robust and roots of the woods and swamps that are required only to eat, drink and grow fat.

Virginia Bred, These. The Clover Leaf Stock Farm's exhibit of Duroc-Jerseys, from Blauvelt, created the greatest amount of attention. One huge sow of this oration was taking up most of her time carefully nursing a family of nine little ones which were born on the train a few hours before it reached the fair grounds. The owner remarked that at least a part of his entries are Virginia-bred.

The mule class is particularly good, and larger than that of last year. The sheep also are above the standard, both in quality and variety of breeds. The exhibit of Dorsets from the Morden estate is the largest and best to look upon.



Scene on the Midway.

RICHMOND DAY BANNER EVENT AT STATE FAIR

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turned to the city yesterday, was on the Fair Grounds, and seemed to be greatly encouraged by what had already been done and the outlook for the remaining days.

"The second day of the fair," he said, "opens with a crowd considerably in excess of that of the corresponding day two years ago. All conditions point to the greatest crowd ever seen at a State Fair. The agricultural products are 50 per cent in excess of all others, and every stall for cattle, horses, hogs, and sheep has been filled, and the exhibits are so numerous that other stalls have been fitted up for the overflow."

The attractions offered seem to be popular and well received, and I am greatly pleased with the class of shows presented here. The racing is of a high order, and the crowds seem to be pleased with the various events. In short, there is every indication that the fair of 1908 will prove to be a greater success than any we have ever had, and that it will come to be a permanent institution."

Faulquier's Last Race.

While going round the first lap of the two and a quarter mile steeplechase, Faulquier, owned by Mr. McVillie, of Upperville, Va., fell at the first jump, throwing his rider, C. H. Brown, headlong to the ground. The other horses, galloping on behind, stepped repeatedly on the fallen animal, and no one could rescue him from his perilous position. Brown dragged himself away out of danger, and walked across the field, dropping at the other side. Instantly guided him, for he had lost his senses. He was treated by the city ambulance surgeon, and it was found that his injuries, if not serious, were not serious. He was removed into a room beneath the grandstand and kept quiet until the races were over.

Standing near the quarter-mile post when Wayside made his game race, with nothing on his back but his saddle, in the steeplechase yesterday afternoon, a man who had evidently picked him for a winner wildly yelled to the riderless animal to keep it up and "bring home the dough." As Wayside hit the stretch, looking as if he would come in two lengths ahead of the field, his backer went mad. A friend less nervous than he remarked: "Your horse hasn't a rider. How do you expect him to win?" "Don't make any difference," replied the ecstatic one, "he's got to win." Finally the phlegmatic friend brought him to his senses by saying: "That pig is shy a little over 100 pounds in weight. 'What you going to do when the jocks weigh in?' Then Wayside's backer said unprintable things.

While a Duroc-Jersey hog, weighing more than 1,000 pounds, was calmly dozing under the eyes of several farmers yesterday, one of them, who lives not far from the city, and had one time encountered Dr. Flower, of recent memory, remarked: "Say, I bet that if they hadn't run that fellow away from here before now he would be out here swearing that this hog was raised on his 'oxygen-water' process. Every one of us would be fool enough to believe it and ante in money to put him up a factory."

On temporary licenses, at least, barkeepers must needs be very careful that they do not dispense anything more intoxicating than near-beer to those who have not reached their majority. As a consequence, many an ambitious young sport has been refused underneath the grandstand. Yesterday a dapper youngster was asked his age by the solicitous barkeeper. Before he could reply, a horseman near by, in a semi-conscious condition, said in a husky voice: "Aw, look in his mouth; if you can't tell the age of the fellow, then you ought to get out of the business. Forget it." Before this was finished the young man had started for a soft drink booth.

The machinery exhibit reminded one very much of certain things like burglars that work while you sleep. All the time the exhibit was open, the results hummed in a business-like way, while the insignificant looking little gasoline engines, which furnished the motive power, kept myriads of belts and pulleys going at high speed without engineers or firemen.

One of the fancy horsemen of the "Wild and Woolly" who does most of his "stunts" under the big tent, entertained quite a crowd of youngsters and others by doing bareback while carrying the horses to water. Some of the chances for winning the next gubernatorial nomination. He says Mr. Stuart will come to Roanoke city, the border line of the southwestern section of the State, with a plurality which will make his competitors in the eastern section sit up and take notice. Mr. Wyson said he was deeply gratified to learn of Mr. Stuart's strength down this way, and especially in the Third Congressional District, where he was engaged as a public official for so many years.

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Increasing Crowds Pass Through Gates Last Night to Witness Great Display.

With a greater display of fireworks and portrayal of war scenes that would out rival anything ever seen in the palmist days of any Caesar, including the tyrant Nero himself, the fair last night presented a heart-thrilling spectacle that was beautiful and interesting in the extreme. There was a larger crowd than on the previous night, all witnessing the awe-inspiring scene that attends the "Fall of Port Arthur." It was a dazzling spectacle. Above the fireworks, the grandest display ever seen in Richmond, and the whirl of gaiety on the Midway.

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GREAT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Schools Give Holiday and Youngsters to Have Special Attractions.

WHOLE CITY TO BE THERE

Airship Man Will Explain Machine; Then Youngsters Will See It Fly.

The School Board, having by resolution closed the public schools to enable the pupils to attend the fair, a special program has been arranged for their amusement and education.

It is expected that the children, accompanied by their parents or guardians, will put in the entire day at the fair, but to give all an opportunity to get there from the most remote sections of the city, the day's observance will not begin until 10 A. M.

Between 10 A. M. and 11:30 A. M. the school children will be enabled to go through the exhibition buildings, with an ample force of officers on hand to prevent them from being crowded in taking in the different departments.

Special halts will be made at the exhibits of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, of the Agricultural and Industrial Department of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, also at the Aply Department, in the Poultry Building, and in the Horticultural Building, where the fine fruit on exhibition will be a great attraction.

Between 11:30 and 12 o'clock noon there will be a parade on the grounds of Pawnee Bill's rodeo, cowboys, cowgirls, Mexicans, Cosacs and Australian bushmen, mounted on horseback.

From noon to 1:30 P. M. will be allowed for refreshments and a general good time.

Between 1:30 and 2 P. M. photographs of scenes on the grounds will be taken, with the school children massed at different points.

From 2:30 to 3:30 P. M. there will be a band and concert, especially for the children. Patriotic music and patriotic airs—"Dixie," "Old Kentucky Home," "Maryland, My Maryland," "Folk at Home," "America," "Hail Columbia," and the "Star-Spangled Banner."

From 3:30 to 4:30 P. M. the free attraction features will have some extra "stunts" for the children. The Fish-Cyclists Trio will be funnier, if possible, than ever.

At 5 P. M. Mr. Ira Brown, manager for Professor Charles J. Strobel, will deliver a lecture to the children on the construction of the airship, the steering apparatus and other mechanism.

The Strobel airship will make its flight at 5:30 P. M., and will be steered and manipulated in many directions for the entertainment of the children.

The fireworks display at night, after the Fall of Port Arthur, will have many beautiful figures, purposely designed to please the children, and the portraits of the Governor, Mayor and prominent Virginians will be shown in frames.

This program has also been designed to be an entertainment factor for city officials and employees, as well as for the general public.

First Prize to Hobson. Richmond Man Secures Honors for Farmers Whom He Represented.

For the third year, secured tobacco exhibited for farmers by Mr. Julius A. Hobson, proprietor of the Crenshaw Warehouse, secured first prize at the State Fair. Yesterday the first award in that grade of tobacco went to Mr. D. G. Howard, of Louisa county, whose samples were by far the best shown. A number of others whose crops were handled by Mr. Hobson took prizes in one or the other of the three classes.

Later in the season this tobacco will be put on sale. Usually it brings the highest prices of the season.

Secured—First premium, D. G. Howard, Bumpass, Louisa county; third premium, Walter C. Perkins, Bell's Cross Roads, Louisa county. Second premium, C. H. Barnes, Nogo, Lunenburg county. Bright cutters—First and second premiums, C. H. Barnes, Nogo, Lunenburg county.